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Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 34, 19 Feb 49

G. Yelashkin, chief of the Tignya Mine, Chita Oblast, reports that the miners completed the 2-month plan for coal output on 16 February.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 32, 16 Feb 49

The "Vostsibugol'" Combine fulfilled and exceeded the 1948 plan and mined more than 500,000 tons of coal above plan and 1,351,000 tons over 1947. The combine exceeded the 1950 level for coal mining in the fourth quarter 1948 and saved 9.5 million rubles above the plan by decreasing costs.

Miners of the combine have pledged in 1949 to:

Mine 360,000 tons of coal above the year plan, including 210,000 tons in Irkutsk Oblast, 140,000 tons in Chita Oblast, and 10,000 tons in the Gasinoozerskoye Mine Administration;

Increase the area of operating and preparatory drifts by 1,000 meters;

Increase labor productivity by 11 percent over 1948;

Decrease the ash content of mined coal by 0.2 percent over the established standard;

Decrease the cost of coal more than planned and save 2 million rubles;

Complete the year plan for capital construction in 11 months, the year housing construction plan by 1 July, and the social and cultural construction plan by 28 August. (From a letter to Stalin from all mines and enterprises of the combine, and signed by M. Baitriyev, chief, "Vostsibugol'" Combine, A. Yefimov, secretary, Irkutsk Oblast Committee VKP(b); G. Voronov, secretary, Chita Oblast Committee VKP(b); N. Kokrya'skiy, chairman, Chersashovo City Trade Union Committee; I. Kazakov, chairman, Chita Oblast Trade Union Committee; N. Salatskiy, secretary, Irkutsk Oblast Committee VLENM; and I. Pyzhov, secretary, Chita Oblast Committee VLENM.)

Izvestiya, No 76, 1 Apr 49

The "Vostsibugol'" (East Siberia Coal) Combine has completed the 1949 first-quarter plan ahead of schedule. Average daily coal mining of the combine has increased almost 18 percent in comparison with the same period of 1948.

Miners of "Primorskugol'" Combine have also fulfilled the 1949 first-quarter plan for coal mining ahead of schedule.

KIRGIZ COAL MINING LAGS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

In 1948 coal mining showed in Kirgizia an increase of 58 percent over 1945 and 12 percent over 1940. Despite this, the "Kirgizugol'" Trust fulfilled the 1948 coal-mining plan only 97.3 percent. This was caused by the fact that mining preparatory work was inadequate, equipment and machinery were not exploited to capacity, work was poorly organized, and living conditions were unsatisfactory.

The TsK KP(b) of Kirgizia and the Soviet of Ministers of Kirgiz SSR have set the quota for average coal mining in the fourth quarter of 1949 at almost 1 1/2 times that of the fourth quarter of 1948.

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FAR EAST TRUST MAINTAINS SPEED-UP -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 38, 16 Feb 49

The "Suchanogol'" Trust has been speeding its work rate from day to day and recently, in 11 days, filled nearly 1 1/2 trainloads of coal above the plan. Mine No 26 has been exceeding the plan for coal mining by almost 10 percent and 20 percent for mine preparation. The trust expects to accelerate the turnover of working capital by 20 days in 1949 and to release 4,600,000 rubles of working capital to the State.

Labor-consuming processes are being mechanized. Four rock-loading and four coal-loading machines are being put into operation. Work schedules for the mechanized drifts have been drawn up. Electric cars, instead of horse-drawn cars, are used now for hauling coal in Mines No 1 and 24.

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